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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

New Delhi, Dated 10 February, 1977/
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NOTIFICATION

S. O. .—Whereas the Manipur Hills Union was a recognised State Party in the State of Manipur with the symbol "Lion" reserved for it;

And whereas the name of the Party was subsequently changed as the Manipur Hills-Plain Union;

And whereas the Manipur Hills Union has represented that all the 12 Members of the Legislative Assembly returned to the Manipur Legislative Assembly on its ticket have joined the Indian National Congress, that the party as such has ceased to exist and that it had at no time merged with the Manipur Hills Plain Union Party;

And whereas the Manipur Hills Plain Union Party has represented that the Manipur Hills Union has merged with it and that the Manipur Hills Plain Union has not merged with the Indian National Congress;

And whereas there is no time to enquire into the said dispute before the forthcoming General Election to the House of the People,

in accordance with paragraph 15 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968, and immediate action is necessary to avoid confusion at the election;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by article 324 of the Constitution of India, rules 5 and 10 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and paragraph 18 of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Election Commission of India hereby directs—

(i) that the symbol 'Lion' reserved for the Manipur Hills-Plain Union in the State of Manipur referred to in Table 2 of the Commission's notification No. 56/77-II, dated 9 February, 1977, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, section 3 (ii), dated 9 February, 1977 shall be withdrawn and shall remain so withdrawn so far as the State of Manipur is concerned, with immediate effect and until further orders; and

(ii) that for any purpose of the said general election, none of the rival groups shall be treated as a recognised State Party in the State of Manipur.

(No. 56/77-III)

By order,

(Sd.)

V. NAGASUBRAMANIAN

Secretary.

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